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A PROCLAMATION,

CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, King of Great *Britain*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith; To Our Lovites,

Macers or Meſſengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, Conjunctly and ſeverally, ſpecially Conſtitute, Greeting; Foraſmuch, as The Lords of The Committy of our privy Council met in the weſt, By Comiſsion from our privy Council, Having in pursueance of the Comiſſion and inſtructions given to them, iſſued forth a Proclamatione upon the nynth of this inſtant; Requyreing and Commanding all and ſundry the Heretors, Lyfrentars, and Land-Lords within the Shyre of *Air*, and Juriſdictions within the ſame; To appear perſonally before the ſaids Lords within the *Tolbuith* of the burgh of *Air*, upon the reſpective dayes therein mentioned; To give Band for themſelves, there men, Tenents, Servants, and Cottars for the ſecuritie of the peace, and quyet of the Countrey, and preſerving the ſame from diſorders heireafter, at the particular Dyets therein ſpecified, As they would be anſwerable; Notwithſtanding thereof many of the ſaids Heretors, and others forſaids, Have not appeared, And divers of ſuch as did appear have refuſed to Subſcryue the ſaid Band, And we having Juſt reaſon to Suſpect that theſe perſons may ſeek after, or wait for ſome occaſion of further diſſturbance; And finding it unfit that they ſhould have or keep any other Horſes but Such as may be neceſsare for Ploughing, and Labouring of the ground. Wee therefore with advice of the ſaids Lords of the Committy of our privy Council doe hereby require and command all Heretors, Fewars, Lyfrentars, and Land-Lords within the ſaid Shyre of *Air*, and Juriſdictions within the ſame (who have not given the ſaid Band) To put out of there poſſeſſion, and furth of the ſaids bounds, all Horſes and meers belonging to them, above the value of Fifty pounds Scots betwixt and the firſt day of *March* nixt to come. And doe diſcharge them, and every one of them, to have or keep any ſuch Horſes or meers thereafter, above the ſaid value without Speciall Licence from the Lords of our Council, or there Committy under the paine of forfaulting of there Horſes or Meers, And payment to the Lords Commiſſioners of our Theſaurie for our uſe, or any that ſhal be appoynted by them of the ſoume of An Hundreth pounds Scots for each Horſe or meer above the value forſaid that the ſaid perſons or any of them shall have or keep after the ſaid day. As alſo we ordaine all Tenents, Cottars, or Servants within the ſaids bounds betwixt and the firſt day of *May* nixt, To put out of there poſſeſsion and furth of the ſaid Shyre and Juriſdictions forſaids, any horſes or meers belonging to them above the ſaid value without ſpeciall Licence, as ſaid is, under the paine of forfaulting the ſaids horſes and meers and payment of the penaltie above writen. OUR WILL is Herefore And we charge you ſtraitlie and Command, That incontinent theſe our Letters ſein, ye paſs to the Mercat Croſs of *Air*, Head-burgh of the Shereffdome thereof. And to the mercat Croſes of the Bailliaries of *Cuninghame* and *Carrik*, within the ſame And other places needfull, and thereat in our Name and Authority by open Proclamation, make Publication of the Premiſſes, that none pretend ignorance. The which to do we commit to you conjunctly and ſeverallie our full power, by their Our Letters delivering them be you duely execute and indorſed again to the Bearer. Given under our Signet at *Air* the tuenty two day of *February* 1678 and of our Reigne, the threttie *Year*.

Per Actum Dominorum Commiſſionis

Hugh Stevenson, Cl. Com:

God ſave the King,

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